



↑ In Mir's base block, members of the STS-84 and Mir-23 crews, who trained together both in Russia and the U.S., reunite in Earth orbit. In the back, from the left, are Mir 23 Flight Engineer Mike Foale, STS-84 Mission Specialist Edward Lu, STS-84 Pilot Eileen Collins and Mission Specialist Carlos Noriega. In front are STS-84 Mission Specialists Jean-François Clervoy and Jerry Linenger and Mir 23 Commander Vasili Tsibliyev. Not pictured are STS-84 Commander Charlie Precourt and Mir 23 Flight Engineer Alexander Lazutkin.



← *Atlantis* Commander Charlie Precourt greets Mir 23 Commander Vasili Tsibliyev shortly after the docking of *Atlantis* and Mir in Earth orbit. STS-84 is the sixth shuttle docking to the Russian Mir Space Station continuing America's presence in low-Earth orbit. Linenger is the fourth astronaut to be stationed on Mir, the first was Norm Thagard, followed by Shannon Lucid, followed by John Blaha. STS-84 marked the beginning of Mike Foale's four-month stay on Mir. He will return to Earth in September when Wendy Lawrence will replace him.

STS-84 Mir mission memories



← Now wearing the onboard garment of a Mir crew member, Mike Foale, left, teams up with astronaut Jerry Linenger in the Spacehab module to master chores dealing with transfer of more than two tons of supplies from *Atlantis* onto Russia's Space Station Mir. Linenger changed from a Russian flight suit into that of the STS-84 crew when Foale became a member of the Mir 23 crew.



← Payload Commander Jean-François Clervoy maneuvers a large piece of hardware being transferred from one spacecraft to another in Earth orbit. Clervoy, representing the European Space Agency, is in the Spacehab module which is connected to *Atlantis* via the tunnel partially visible in the background.



↑ Precourt leaves little doubt as to whom he is supporting in the National Basketball Association conference finals as he sports a cap and displays a hand-fashioned sign in support of the Houston franchise.



Pilot Eileen Collins takes advantage of the weightless environment of Earth orbit as she juggles four film magazines onboard the Spacehab module. →



↑ From left, Mission Specialist Elena Kondakova checks off supplies that are transferred to the Russian Mir Space Station from *Atlantis*' Spacehab double module by STS-84 Commander Charlie Precourt and Mir 23 Commander Vasili Tsibliyev.

